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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 56-87 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 56-87 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 56-87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Music Semiconductor Application Note AN-N22 (*A Method* For Fast IPv4 And IPv4 CIDR Address Translation And Filtering Using The MUSIC WidePort LANCAM® , LANCAM® , AND LANCAM® 1 ST Family*), hereinafter “LANCAM”.

3. With respect to claims 56, 62, 65, 71, 73, and 77-81, LANCAM discloses:

a binary CAM for storing ternary hierarchical addresses comprising a communication system address and associated communication system address mask, as shown in Table 5; each entry comprising a first value comprising the logically ANDed communication system address and its associated mask (as described on page 4), and a second value comprising the logically ANDed complement of said communication system address and its associated mask (as described on page 4), wherein each entry is positioned in the CAM based on the number of contiguous ones in said associated mask as described on page 2;

each entry comprising a two bit representation for each bit in said address, as disclosed in pages 2-3;

storing ternary entries in a binary CAM, as disclosed in pages 6-8;

4. With respect to claims 57, 64, 66, and 72, LANCAM discloses entries having the most contiguous ones located at the top of the CAM, and the least contiguous ones at the bottom of the CAM, as described in page 2.

5. With respect to claims 58 and 67, LANCAM discloses each of said n bits in said first value has an associated bit in said second value, and each of the bits and associated bit forming a binary pair which represents one bit of said address as two bits in the CAM, as described in page 4.

6. With respect to claims 59, 63, 68, and 71, LANCAM discloses a 1 in the address representing a 10 in the CAM, a 0 in the address representing a 01 in the CAM, a don't care in the address representing a 00 in the CAM, as disclosed in page 3.

7. With respect to claims 60-61, 69-70, and 75-76, LANCAM discloses the first value being stored in an upper portion of said entry and the second value in a lower portion, with each entry being 64 bits and n being 32, as shown in Table 5.

8. With respect to claims 73 and 77, LANCAM discloses searching a binary CAM to find a match of a ternary address by loading a first register with the address to be searched along with the complement of the address, loading the second register with the address to be searched along with the complement of the address, and associating each bit of the first register with one bit of the second register and with one bit of each entry in said binary CAM, determining whether a bit match occurs, and obtaining a match based on the greatest number of matches of corresponding bits, as disclosed on page 8 and in Table 7.

9. With respect to claims 74 and 77, LANCAM discloses declaring a bit match if the corresponding bit in the second register is a 1, or if the corresponding bit in the second register is

a 0 and the corresponding bits of the first register and each entry in the binary CAM are identical, as disclosed in page 8 and Table 7.

10. With respect to claims 78-81, LANCAM discloses:

segmenting the binary CAM into blocks and arranged in the CAM such that the lowest CAM addresses contain the highest masks, and the highest Cam address contain the lowest masks, as disclosed in page 2;

storing addresses according to said block having a corresponding mask, as shown in page 2;

tracking the first address and the next free address of each of said blocks and the size of each block, as shown in page 5.

binary-encoding ternary conversion means wherein a 1 in the address representing a 10 in the CAM, a 0 in the address representing a 01 in the CAM, a don't care in the address representing a 00 in the CAM, as disclosed in page 3.

11. With respect to claim 82, LANCAM discloses a first group of address entries sharing a first said address mask and a second group of address entries sharing a second said address mask, said first and second groups being located at different locations of the CAM, as taught on page 3.

12. With respect to claim 83, LANCAM discloses comprising at least one vacant address entry location disposed within said CAM between said first and second groups of address entries, as shown in figures 5, 6, and 8.

13. With respect to claim 84, LANCAM discloses at least one vacant address entry location within said CAM adjacent at least one of said address entry groups, as shown in figures 5, 6, and 8.

14. With respect to claim 85, LANCAM discloses: receiving an address value in a comparand register of said CAM; matching a further plurality of addresses, including a subset of said communication system hierarchical addresses, to said address value; and outputting an output hierarchical address of ,said further plurality of addresses according to respective storage locations of said further plurality of addresses, as shown in Table 7 on page 5.

15. With respect to claim 86, LANCAM discloses wherein said output hierarchical address of said further plurality has a storage location lowest among said respective storage locations of said further plurality of addresses, as shown in Figure 3 on page 7.

16. With respect to claim 87, LANCAM discloses wherein said further plurality of said communication system hierarchical addresses each includes at least one identical bit, as shown in Table 7 on page 5.

17. Claims 56-87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Music Semiconductor Application Note AN-N25 (*Fast IPv4 and IPv4 CIDR Address Translation and Filtering Using the MUACTM Routing Coprocessor (RCP)*), hereinafter “RCP”.

18. With respect to claims 56, 62, 65, 71, 73, and 77-81, RCP discloses:
a binary CAM for storing ternary hierarchical addresses comprising a communication system address and associated communication system address mask, as shown in Table 5;
each entry comprising a first value comprising the logically ANDed communication system address and its associated mask (as described on page 4), and a second value comprising the logically ANDed complement of said communication system address and its associated mask

(as described on page 4), wherein each entry is positioned in the CAM based on the number of contiguous ones in said associated mask as described on page 2;

each entry comprising a two bit representation for each bit in said address, as disclosed in pages 2-3;

storing ternary entries in a binary CAM, as disclosed in pages 6-8;

19. With respect to claims 57, 64, 66, and 72, RCP discloses entries having the most contiguous ones located at the top of the CAM, and the least contiguous ones at the bottom of the CAM, as described in page 2.

20. With respect to claims 58 and 67, RCP discloses each of said n bits in said first value has an associated bit in said second value, and each of the bits and associated bit forming a binary pair which represents one bit of said address as two bits in the CAM, as described in page 4.

21. With respect to claims 59, 63, 68, and 71, RCP discloses a 1 in the address representing a 10 in the CAM, a 0 in the address representing a 01 in the CAM, a don't care in the address representing a 00 in the CAM, as disclosed in page 3.

22. With respect to claims 60-61, 69-70, and 75-76, RCP discloses the first value being stored in an upper portion of said entry and the second value in a lower portion, with each entry being 64 bits and n being 32, as shown in Table 5.

23. With respect to claims 73 and 77, RCP discloses searching a binary CAM to find a match of a ternary address by loading a first register with the address to be searched along with the complement of the address, loading the second register with the address to be searched along with the complement of the address, and associating each bit of the first register with one bit of the second register and with one bit of each entry in said binary CAM, determining whether a bit

match occurs, and obtaining a match based on the greatest number of matches of corresponding bits, as disclosed on page 8 and in Table 7.

24. With respect to claims 74 and 77, RCP discloses declaring a bit match if the corresponding bit in the second register is a 1, or if the corresponding bit in the second register is a 0 and the corresponding bits of the first register and each entry in the binary CAM are identical, as disclosed in page 8 and Table 7.

25. With respect to claims 78-81, RCP discloses:

segmenting the binary CAM into blocks and arranged in the CAM such that the lowest CAM addresses contain the highest masks, and the highest Cam address contain the lowest masks, as disclosed in page 2;

storing addresses according to said block having a corresponding mask, as shown in page 2;

tracking the first address and the next free address of each of said blocks and the size of each block, as shown in page 5.

binary-encoding ternary conversion means wherein a 1 in the address representing a 10 in the CAM, a 0 in the address representing a 01 in the CAM, a don't care in the address representing a 00 in the CAM, as disclosed in page 3.

26. With respect to claim 82, RCP discloses a first group of address entries sharing a first said address mask and a second group of address entries sharing a second said address mask, said first and second groups being located at different locations of the CAM, as taught on page 3.

27. With respect to claim 83, RCP discloses comprising at least one vacant address entry location disposed within said CAM between said first and second groups of

address entries, as shown in figures 4, 5, and 7.

28. With respect to claim 84, RCP discloses at least one vacant address entry location within said CAM adjacent at least one of said address entry groups, as shown in figures 4, 5, and 7.

29. With respect to claim 85, RCP discloses: receiving an address value in a comparand register of said CAM; matching a further plurality of addresses, including a subset of said communication system hierarchical addresses, to said address value; and outputting an output hierarchical address of ,said further plurality of addresses according to respective storage locations of said further plurality of addresses, as shown in Table 7 on page 5.

30. With respect to claim 86, RCP discloses wherein said output hierarchical address of said further plurality has a storage location lowest among said respective storage locations of said further plurality of addresses, as shown in Figure 2 on page 5.

31. With respect to claim 87, RCP discloses wherein said further plurality of said communication system hierarchical addresses each includes at least one identical bit, as shown in Table 7 on page 5.

Terminal Disclaimer

32. The terminal disclaimer filed on 2/15/05 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of USPN 6,289,414 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Oath/Declaration

33. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 2/15/05 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 56-87 based upon LANCAM or MUAC (or RCP) as set forth in the last Office action because it consists of mere allegation, and provides no factual evidence nor an unequivocal statement supporting the claims of authorship of LANCAM and MUAC or if said were published on their behalf, nor how said publications were derived from the Applicants. (Please see MPEP 716.10.) It is also suggested if the Affiant and Mr. Arnold are indeed the sole authors, that Mr. Arnold also submit a declaration to such facts mentioned above. Because the declaration is insufficient for these reasons, the rejection under UAS 102(a) is maintained.

Conclusion

1. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

34. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew D. Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 2nd Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew M. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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